

Luna later served on the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission, an agency charged with determining if racial or ethnic bias exists in the courts of the State of Washington. He was a Eucharistic minister at Immaculate Conception Church and also was active with Saint Matthew's Church.

Throughout his life, Doug Luna was deeply involved in the Native American and Asian communities—in addition to his Tlingit heritage, Doug also shared Filipino heritage. He was a founding member of the Asian American Bar Association, and volunteered with the Seattle Indian Center, the Interlm Community Development Association, the International District Housing Alliance, and the Filipino American National Historical Society. Doug was the volunteer every organization dreams of: he was smart, dedicated, absolutely reliable, and a pleasure to be with.

Doug Luna championed the poor and the underrepresented throughout his life. His efforts to better his community were limitless, and he brought to his work a gentle spirit that touched hundreds of lives. Doug will be long remembered for his kindness, his generosity, and his unwavering integrity. He was a proud and loving father to his daughter, Mercedes, and I join her and so many others in mourning the loss of this extraordinary friend. It was a privilege to know Doug Luna.

TRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE RIALTO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lady Knights, the Rialto High School girls basketball team, and congratulate them for winning the CIF—Southern Section Division 2AA title game.

The Lady Knights came back from behind in the final minutes of the championship game to beat Ventura Buena 55 to 53 at the buzzer, clinching the first section title in the school's history. After a season of hard work and determination, Rialto trailed by three points with just over two minutes to go in the game.

Point guard, Summer Webb, tied the game with a three-pointer. Following the play, Janae Sharpe stole the ball, passing to Webb for an assist that pushed the Lady Knights two points ahead. Ventura Buena answered with two free throws, tying the championship game. Sharpe converted another steal to a lay-up but Buena Ventura tied the game again with nineteen seconds remaining.

This game was the Lady Knights first section appearance in the history of the Rialto girls' basketball program and it came down to the last tenth of a second. With seventeen seconds remaining on the clock, Coach Michael Anderson designed a play to give Sharpe the final shot of the game. Hundreds of fans looked on from the stands of the Anaheim Convention Center. Sharpe received the inbounds pass.

Crossing half court with composure, she let nine seconds tick off the game clock. Sharpe paused again at the three-point line, only three seconds remained. She drove into the lane, released a jumper, and scored the game-win-

ning shot as the buzzer sounded. The blue-clad Rialto fans celebrated in an uproar as the players on the floor rushed into a dog-pile. The Lady Knights secured the championship in their first section final appearance.

I would like to extend my heart-felt congratulations to Head Coach Michael Anderson and his coaching team, Bryant Young, Toneisha Knox, Erika Matkins and Juanita Perez. I would also like to acknowledge the families, fans, and teachers in the greater Rialto community for their support. Of course, I want to congratulate the girls on the Rialto High School basketball team: Janae Sharpe, Bianca Brown, Brittani Walker, Channe Armstrong, Summer Ramsey, Summer Webb, Cynthia Mora, Montoya Washington, Ma' Kaela Buhl, Danae "Mary" Williams, Jasmin Samano. I wish you all the best of luck in the Southern California Regional playoffs.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF MR. ROBERT C. HOWELL

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to commemorate the life and service of one of my constituents, Mr. Robert C. Howell. A native Georgian, Mr. Howell passed away at the age of 93 on Tuesday March 8th, 2011. He was an honorable man, devoted to his country and his community.

Mr. Howell served our nation in the United States Army during World War II as an infantryman and an engineer. One of his most dangerous duties was to remove undetonated land mines to protect his fellow soldiers. His dedication to service did not end with his retirement from the armed forces. He continued to support his fellow servicemen and veterans by actively participating in Veterans of Foreign Wars and his local American Legion post. Each time a veteran would pass in his community, Mr. Howell would attend their funerals to honor their service and express his gratitude. He himself was honored by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners with an engraved brick in the Pathway of Service Walkway at the Douglas County Courthouse.

Mr. Robert Howell was devoted to the Lord. During his lifetime he was a member of the New Georgia Baptist Church, the First Presbyterian Church and the Lithia Springs First Baptist Church. A member of the Baptist faith, he attended a Men's Bible Study, served at a deacon and taught Sunday School.

Mr. Howell was preceded in death by his first wife, Henrietta Howell; his second wife, Martha McMichen Howell; stepdaughter, June Roland; stepson, Tony Pilgrim; and sister-in-law, Marie Howell. My deepest sympathies lie with the surviving members of this family: his sister and brother-in-law, Virgie and Ervin Chandler; his brother, Herman Howell; and his stepdaughters, sons-in-law, stepsons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, my fellow colleagues, I hope you will join me in honoring Mr. Robert C. Howell for his life of service to Georgia and to this country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, on March 9, I was unexpectedly detained and missed rollcall vote No. 166. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

MIKE COLLINS—AT BEST

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, the following entry is a poem that was given at the Irish Embassy by the Democratic Caucus' Poet Laureate the Honorable BILL PASCRELL. As we approach the "Day", I think it only fitting to submit Mr. PASCRELL's work for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—in which he honors Ambassador Michael Collins and the Nation of Ireland.

MIKE COLLINS—AT BEST

(By the Honorable Bill Pascrell, Jr.)

Raising glasses to a white sky,
Pausing . . . to look at twinkling eyes,
In blue skies hemorrhaging avocado
dreams of a homeland of Irish monks who
saved Ireland—

as Cahill wrote,
indeed,
saved the world . . .

Raising glasses many times, with many
chimes and voices clear
And monks as advocates of avocadoes
And prose to beat for Gaelic friends good
cheer

And
Have no fear . . .
Long live Ireland

HONORING THE LIFE OF CATO WALKER III

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Memphian, saxophonist, manager and promoter Cato Walker III. Mr. Walker has been on the music scene in Memphis for many decades and was a huge proponent in the revitalization of Memphis's Beale Street. He also served as the longtime vice president of development at Performa Entertainment Real Estate.

Cato Walker III was a beloved member of the Memphis music community. Mr. Walker came from a very musically talented and well-known family, and he and his family have contributed so much to the musical community. His father, Cato Walker, Jr. was B.B. King's original road manager in the 1950s while his beloved mother, Polly Walker, confirmed all show bookings and travel arrangements. Cato Walker III, continuing his family's legacy with B.B. King, became the band leader and road manager during the late 1970s. He also later worked with Lou Rawls, The Barkays and J. Blackfoot.